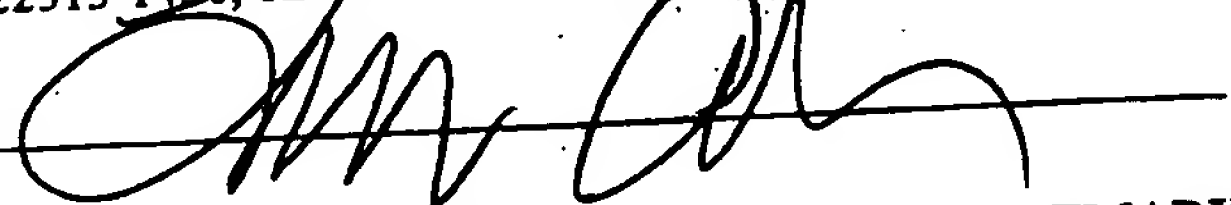


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Applic. No. : 09/994,197

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Applicants received an Office action dated September 11, 2003, in the above-identified application. No shortened statutory period for reply was indicated in the Office action, neither on PTOL 326 nor on page 5 of the Office action. It is specifically outlined on PTOL 326 that "If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication".

Applicants submitted a response to this Office action on January 29, 2004, and, in accordance with the above-outlined provision, did not request an extension of time. Nevertheless, the PTO charged counsel's deposit account in the amount of \$420.00 for a two-month extension of time.

Since applicants did respond in the specified period of time, counsel respectfully requests that the amount of \$420.00 be credited to counsel's Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

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